

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Adopt Biomethane Standards and Requirements, Pipeline Open Access Rules, and Related Enforcement Provisions.

Rulemaking 13-02-008

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING JOINT UTILITY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This ruling extends the deadline for submitting Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement to May 1, 2020.

1. Background

In my Scoping Memo dated July 5, 2018, I directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southwest Gas Corporation, Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (collectively, Joint Utilities) to jointly file a proposed standard biomethane interconnection tariff (Joint Interconnection Tariff) within 90 days of the Scoping Memo's issuance. On August 22, 2019, I further extended the deadline for producing the Joint Interconnection Tariff to November 1, 2019. In a Joint Motion filed on October 18, 2019, Joint Utilities advised the Commission that they have completed work on the Joint Interconnection Tariff and will file it as scheduled on November 1, 2019. They also report that they have been diligently working on creation of a Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement with a current deadline for completion of February 1, 2020. The joint motion requests a further extension of time for completion of the Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement to May 1, 2020.

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2. Discussion

In the October 18, 2019 Joint Motion, Joint Utilities point out that they keep important corporate records in different formats that must be reconciled before they can enter into a Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement. The work of reconciling different business records and different business systems is tedious but is proceeding steadily, according to the Joint Motion and should be completed in time to allow Joint Utilities to meet the May 1, 2020 deadline for submitting the proposed Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement.

IT IS RULED that Joint Utilities shall have until close of business on May 1, 2020 to submit the proposed Joint Utility Interconnection Agreement to the Commission.

Dated November 1, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN

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Assigned Commissioner